

# **EXHIBIT A**

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Federal Defender's Office  
District of Massachusetts  
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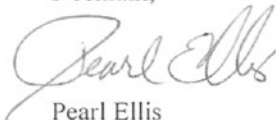
Attention: Mr. Tim Watkins

Dear Mr. Watkins,

My name is Pearl Ellis and I have lived in Boston for about forty (40) years. I have known and been a friend to Mr. Earl Charley since 1966.

Mr. Earl Charley has many strengths and are capable of doing the right thing. He worked hard to make a living. I recommend Mr. Earl Charley to be released to care for his mom and children. Especially, his children. The children are in need for a father at this time. After all of that, I ask you to please consider him being released and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know. You can reach me at 617-298-8174. Again, I thank you for reading this short letter.

I remain,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pearl Ellis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Pearl Ellis".

Pearl Ellis

Hi Judge woodlock !

I'm writing you this letter in regards to my brother Earl Charley. Which is a very good person, i know that you may say that everyone would say that their brother or sister is a good person. Judge woodlock my brother have made mistakes in his pass, but he has change his life style around. Jude woodlock my brother is a good father to his childrens, he works hard to provide for them, they need him home to help their mother which is sick and having a hard time providing for them. You may say this is not your problem, but it's in your hands. I know that he had a gun in his present, but it's not like he run around shooting people & taking their lives liker these boys are doing today. Judge woodlock Could you find it in your heart to give my brother a chance to prove to you and society that he is a better man today. Would you please consider releasing Earl with time served

Stay out of trouble. Thank you for  
taking the time out to read my  
letter.

Ronito Shirley

Dear Judge Woodcock  
my name is Hakeem I am  
Seven years old. my daddys name  
is Earl Charley. I miss him so  
much, I miss going places with him  
and doing things with him, I miss not  
seeing him when I come home from  
School. I have a little sister, her name  
is Sharby she misses him to.  
my mom tries to take us places but  
she has very bad feet, they hurt all the time  
my dad has been gone a long time now  
I wish I could play basketball with him  
and walk and talk to him, hug and kiss him  
Please let my dad come home to us. please  
love and miss him.

Thank you  
Hakeem Rickens

*To the judge*

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Dear judge

*IM*

My name is Yalonda Miller and ~~in~~ <sup>IM</sup> in Louisville KY. , I am writing on behave of Earl Charley .I have known Earl for more then 25 yrs, He has always been a very special friend .even though I don't live in Boston anymore. We are still very close. We talk on the phone and exchange picture of our familys. When I visit Boston I stay with Earl or his sister Renita .I am very close with the whole family. I respect Earl; he was getting his self together and taking care of his children. He needs to be there for his children .Their mother is very ill and anything can happen .where she won't be able to take care of them anymore .I truly believe that kids should have both parents in their life. Earl is a good person. People make mistakes but they can change. I truly believed Earl has changed. He has a responsibility to his kids and needs to be there for them. They need him. Earl and I have a good relationship .we have even talk About me moving back to Boston transferring my job to help him out with his children

*Yalonda Miller*  
*April 18, 2005*



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

EARL CHARLEY HAS HAD EARLY CHILDHOOD PROBLEMS LIKE ANY OTHER TEENAGER OR YOUNG ADULT. SINCE EARL LAST INCARCERATION, HE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF HIS LIFE, AND DAY BY DAY TRYING TO IMPROVE HIS LIFE. HOWEVER EARL HAS ALWAYS FELT THE NEED TO PROTECT HIMSELF, BECAUSE THE ENVIRONMENT HE LIVES IN WHICH HE IS PAYING VERY DEARLY FOR. HOWEVER BEFORE THIS MISTAKE HE WAS TAKING CARE OF HIS CHILDREN, WORKING TRYING TO BUY A HOUSE AND TRYING TO LIVE LIKE A GOOD CITIZEN.

TYRONE SMITH

Dear Judge Westbrook, I am writing  
 this letter to you on behalf of  
 my Brother Earl, I am not writing  
 to ask you to Condone, and Earl  
 having a gun and his car because  
 I don't like that either, But I am  
 asking you to please find it and  
 give it back. to go a little deeper  
 well, Earl is not a bad person  
 we have made some bad choices,  
 and his life But we all have,  
 Earl is a good father to his  
 kids He also is a great Brother  
 Earl has always did almost  
 9 years for that, and I really  
 believe Earl has been a decent  
 person ~~person~~ that, he will  
 be away from his kids and they keep

waiting When we are coming  
 home. I just hope that with  
 every you decide, for Earl. I  
 it will not take to much  
 time away from his kids  
 and I just want him to  
 my thanks for meeting me  
 better you truly  
 friends